



## **VERMONT STANDARDS BOARD FOR PROFESSIONAL EDUCATORS**

**May 13, 2015 AOE Offices, Barre**

***VSBE: Ensuring a Caring, Competent, Highly Effective Educator in  
Every Vermont Classroom to Improve Student Learning***

### **MINUTES**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Steven John, Claudine Bedell, Charlie Phillips, Roberta Baker, Katherine Blair, Lia Cravedi, Patti Coultas, Helen Lanthier, Donald Tinney, Thomas Young, Luisa Millington, Erik Remmers.

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Jay Hoffman.

**STAFF/OTHERS PRESENT:** Amy Fowler, Susan Yesalonia, Patrick Halladay, Nancy Reid, Rebecca Plude.

**CALL TO ORDER:** S. John called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

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#### **Approval of minutes**

S. John asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of the April 13, 2015 meeting.

L. Cravedi **moved that the VSBE accept the minutes of the April 13, 2015 meeting.** H. Lanthier seconded. **Motion passed.**

#### **Public to be heard**

J. Longchamp mentioned that she will distribute brochures with professional learning opportunities.

#### **Executive Committee Report**

The Executive Committee met virtually on 5/4/15 prior to this meeting.

#### **Staff Report**

A. Fowler updated the Board that Deputy John Fischer is leaving the Agency. His position will be posted.

## **Correspondence / Announcements**

The members of the Vermont Standards Board for Professional Educators would like to formally recognize John Fischer's commitment to the Agency of Education, and wish him well in his future endeavors.

## **NASDTEC Interstate Agreement (Reciprocity): Survey Results**

A. Fowler presented the results from the survey that was distributed to the field. The survey was distributed to Principal's, Superintendent's, and Teacher's via the weekly field memo. The survey received a large number of responses.

The Board broke into committees at 10:00 a.m. and reconvened at 12:45 p.m. after lunch.

## **Waiver Request**

The Board spoke with two educators regarding requests for waivers.

## **Licensure Committee – R. Baker reporting**

The committee discussed policies related to licensure: C1, C2, C3, C4, C5 (repealed), C6, and F1. They also discussed the creation of a policy to present waiver requests to the board. This will be drafted and presented to the committee at the May meeting. The committee met jointly with the professional standards committee to discuss the Mentoring Update and Draft Policy for Early Childhood Education Provisional Endorsements.

**R.Baker moved that the VSBPE approve and adopt revised policies: C1, C2, C3, C4, F1, revisions to the manual. She further moved to rescind policy C5. H. Lanthier seconded. Motion passed.**

**R.Baker moved that the VSBPE approve and adopt Policy Q1, waivers. H. Lanthier seconded. Motion passed.**

## **Professional Standards Committee – P. Coultas reporting**

The committee discussed: the ongoing revisions to the endorsements. The committee met jointly with the licensure committee to discuss the Mentoring Update and Draft Policy for Early Childhood Education Provisional Endorsements.

**P. Coultas moved that the VSBPE revise all administrator endorsements to reference the proper rule which should be 5243.2. H. Lanthier seconded. Motion passed.**

## **Program Approval Committee – L. Cravedi reporting**

The committee discussed: ROPA Visit Schedule Review 2015 – 2016, Draft Policy: Licensure Portfolio Transition.

**L. Cravedi moved that the VSBPE accept the Two-Year Report from Peer Review and grant continued full approval for the following alternative route to licensure programs:**

- Art
- Assistant Director for Adult Education
- Bilingual Education
- Business Education
- Career and Technical Education
- Career Technical Center Director
- Career Technical Education School Counseling Coordinator
- Career Technical Special Needs Coordinator
- Computer Science
- Consulting Teacher
- Dance
- Design and Technology Education
- Director of Special Education
- Early Childhood Education
- Early Childhood Special Education
- Educational Technology Specialist
- Elementary Education
- English
- English Language Learner
- Family and Consumer Sciences
- Health Education
- Intensive Special Education
- Mathematics
- Middle Grades
- Modern And Classical Languages
- Music
- Physical Education
- Principal
- Reading/English Language Arts Coordinator
- Reading/ELA Specialist
- School Counselor
- School Social Worker
- School Psychologist
- Science
- Social Studies
- Special Educator
- Superintendent
- Theater Arts
- Director of Curriculum
- Online Teaching Specialist

This includes the stipulation that Peer Review update the board in a one-year report. D. Tinney seconded. **Motion passed.**

**L. Cravedi moved that the VSBPE accept the Saint Michael's College Report of the ROPA Review Team and grant conditional two-year approval to the following graduate program: Director of Curriculum (PK-12).** D. Tinney seconded. Motion passed. **Motion passed.** 1 recusal.

Approval for these programs is contingent upon a favorable review of a two-year report addressing any noted stipulations and areas indicated as “concerns” in the team’s report, demonstrating growth in meeting the four ROPA standards, and continued compliance with state standards and any conditions specified by the VSBPE.

**L. Cravedi moved that the VSBPE accept Lyndon State College’s teach-out plan for the ELA/Reading Specialist licensure program.** L. Millington seconded. **Motion passed.**

This acceptance will enable the Vermont Agency of Education to honor Lyndon's recommendations for registered students in these programs for licensure through May 2015.

**L. Cravedi moved that the VSBPE adopt the modified policy N5 regarding ROPA team selection, appointment, and training. D. Tinney seconded. Motion passed.**

#### **VCTE Update Candidate Licensure Portfolio**

Several members from the committee met with the Board to present the revised portfolio.

**H. Lanthier moved to enter into executive session to discuss a waiver request. The Board invited S. Yesalonia and A. Fowler to join them and provide input. C. Phillips seconded. Motion passed.**

**L. Cravedi moved to exit executive session. R. Baker seconded. Motion passed.**

**D. Tinney moved that the VSBPE grant a waiver of Rule 5351, to AC for the Praxis Core Math requirement limited to the North Country Supervisory Union, limited to the Jay Westfield joint elementary school. R. Baker seconded. Motion passed.**

**P. Coultas moved that the VSBPE deny a waiver request to CF of Rule 5242 and 5246.1. H. Lanthier seconded. Motion passed.**

At 3:00 p.m., Chair John declared the May 13, 2015 meeting of the Vermont Standards Board for Professional Educators adjourned.

Minutes recorded and prepared by Rebecca Plude